A RAILWAY MAIL CLERK

By OY WARMAN.

[Copyright, 1800, by Cy Warman.]. Railwag mail clorks are not railway employees, aithough they are under the orders of the railway officials when on road. They are, as a class, bright lot of men. They bring more brains and acquired skill into their work tian any class of the government employees, in proportion to the amount of money they draw. They ride the fastest trains to the country. and ride ahead. On most roads their car is counted to the locometive and they take whatever is left when the grim reaper has finished with the co-

Reliable statistics show that the mortality among railway boal clerks through railroad accidents is greater than that among the troops in the civil These clerks are required to an examination at a rating of more than 90 per cent. Department employees at Washington are given 30 days' vacation each year, but the rail-way mail clerk is called upon to face the dangers of midnight rides 12 months in the year. I knew one mail clerk intimately and found him one of the most interesting characters i ever met. The story of his eventful life would be interesting at any time, and ought to be especially apropos here as an illustration of the character of the average railway mall clerk and of the dangers through which he passes.

The farms in Illinois upon which we were reared were not far apart, but "Doc," who lived with his uncle. left bome before he was 21 and went west. I had been in town to get the plow sharpened and on my way home I saw Doe climbing across a cloddy field behind a harrow, and be hailed me. When he came out be hung his chin over the top of the fence and said: "I'm

goin west. Will you jine mo?'
"What's it to cost?" I asked,
"Forty-nine dollars, second class, from St. Louis to Denver.

"Did you ever see that much mon Well, not at one look, but I've got it

all figured out."

"How much have you got?"
"Haven't got any, but I got a job at
Whitleer's stable in Carr street, and if you'll go I'il see that you never want. We can sleep in the haymow and board around,

"How'll we get to St. Louis?" I

"Ride when we're tired o' walkin, and walk when we can't ride," was his



reply. "I'm in the slik and you're to the tasset," he added thoughtfully. "Life is all before us, but you can't get anywhere on a farm. Look at some of the folks around here. What do they know? They simply stand round or one for like a scale; till round on one foot like a gander till the beard breaks through the freekles, and then they push the old folks of and take the plow, and in a little while get pushed off themselves. Life on a farm is one continual round of work and want. Will you like met."

The thought of getting up at morning and not knowing up at morning and not knowing where I was going to sleep at night frightened me, and I told bee so and we parted.

A few years later, in the dawning of the morning as I was climbing out of an upper berth at another mountain

town a man caught hold of my enat-tall, and I found that the "man under my bed" was Doc Pipein. He said he was living in Denver: so was fraud to a few days he came in to see me. He came often, and told the best stories I had ever heard. He was this and pale, and I noticed that he coughed and pounded his left lung when he did so.

Doc went to Chleugo and became acminted with a well known detective, is was offered employment, accepted it and was sent at once to a small town in Illinois to find out a band of thieves who were steading bogs and robbing shops, if Doe had tried, he could never have become a good dress-er. Even clothes that were made for him didn't fit, and he were his hat erosswise, like the leading man at Prench funeral. His appearance upon this occasion was in his favor, and he was not long in forming the se-quaintance of the toughest lot of loar-ers in the lown. They liked Doc, as every one did who knew him, but it was a long time before they would trust bim. Doe's money gave out, and he tried to berrow, and the gang gave him the laugh. "Git out and turn a trick-work," said one of the mon. "What cau I do? Show me and then

watch me," said Doc.

"See that jay ridin out of town?" said the tough, needing down the road where a lone horseman was going away with the sunset on his back. "Well, he's goin out to his place in the cauntry goes every Sat'day night and sames back Monday—hold 'im up." Doc knew the man, as be knew near

ly every man in the place, by the de scription given him at Chicago, and by the middle of the following week this wealthy citizen had been notified from headquarters that he would be held up on the next Saturday night Doe was at his post, and as the lone borseman came down the road the bighwayman stepped out from the shudows of a jack oak and covered n. That night the gang drank less part of \$28.50 and voted

you don't believe that vocers sell Fels-Naptha soap at 5c a bar, and return the 5c to those who ask for it-try

It washes with half the send labor.

and water, and by a simple trick that child ought to have detected—the

Ing the gin-he was always sober, When the proceeds of Doc's raid had been expended together with the \$7 re-ceived for the "jay's" watch, the gang distermined to rob a hardware store. The job had been undertaken once, but had falled. The time arrived, the store was entered and when they were all in Doc ducked down behind the counter and reached the rear end of the store. Now a big buil's eye was turned upon the gang, who arose from their work to look down the dark barrels of a half dozen shot guns. One of the gang, seeing Doc with the sheriff's party, made a play for his pistot, but the sheriff shoved his shotgun yet nearer the robber's face and said, softly, "Be quiet," and he was calm.

Young Pippin's success in this now celebrated case won for him the full confidence of the agency, and before he had reached Chicago other important. work was mapped out for him, but to the surprise of the agency he refused to accept another assignment.

"I could not bear," be said to me "the thought of living a whole life that was a lie-to appear always to be that which I was not-to mix and mingle constantly with the wicked of this world, in which there should be so much happiness. It is a great and important work which ought to be done, but it is not for me." Returning to the west again Pippin

entered the service of Uncle Sam as a railway postal clerk.
Finding a letter in the mail marked

to me he took his blue pencil and wrote on the back of the envelope, "Hello-Doc.-R. M. S.!" and I knew then that

he was in the railway mail service.
It was some time after the receipt of
this brief message that the meeting in the sleeping car, already referred to, occurred, and it was during his many visits to me at Denver that he related the detective stories herein re-

The wicked queen wrung her hands in a transport of agony.
"Mister, but I'd like to see a ghost
walk!" she cried.

But it was only to the melancholy But it was only to the metancholy Dane that the apparition was visible. We should not think harshly of the queen for taking liberties with her lines, for she had received no salary for six weeks and the thought of her husband at home crying for bread rangled her to descenting. Detted goaded her to desperation.—Detroit

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Bottles of perfume, still fresh, and are verdaucy of the gang he had to dark of pounds that had not lost its fragmace have been recovered from Rerculaneum and Pompell. CLEOPATRA'S MINES.

Landon Diamond Merchant Thinks

He Has Made a Discovery.
Somewhere in Egypt are the richest emerald mines in the world. When the fractual mines in the world. When the fractual mines in the world. When the fractual mines in the world in the teach and the kept a number of slaves constantly engaged in working them. Day by day, traced on by the lash of the tankmaster, the slaves sought for these rare gens, and each day the output of the mines was sent to the queen. This is a matter of history. So, too, is the fact that the heautiful Cleopatra had so many of these poms that she was in the hibit of belowing them upon those to whom she resired to show her favor.

When Cleopatra filed, the location of these mines was forgotten. For years mines of gold, emeralds and other precious stones had been in operation, and yet they disappeared as mysteriously as



CLEOPATRA IN HER GLORY, they had been run. Whether or not the secret of their location had been a state man conquerors at all hazards is a mat-ter that will probably never be known.

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what he could, but we who watched knew that the hidden sear he had there was wearing his life away.

Not long ago I returned to Denver, and, meeting the chief clerk in the street, asked him about Doc. I had been wandering over the face of the earth for nearly two years, and now as my friend looked at me his face took on a saider shade, and he answered slowly, "We buried Doc six months ago."

The Ghost Was Shr.

"Haf" exclaimed Hamlet, starting. The wicked queen wrung her lands

How She Was Landed. Bess—So Jeannette married a farmer, thought she said she would marry only a man of culture?

A Sorry Exception.

Most plant life thrives the best, they say,
Which by the wan curessed.

Tet wild outs do not love the day.

But thrive by lamplight best.

Skilott's Magazine.

The republic of Urugusy has more newspapers in proportion to its popula-

"I was suffering with what the doctor called chronic indigestion, torpid liver

and vertigo," says Mrs. Marths R. Barham, of Newville, Prince George Co., Va.
"My symptoms were giddiness in the head, pains in my chest and an uneasy feeling all over.

I also had fe male weakness. I was all run down, and could not do any work without suffering from nervous attacks, so I wrote to you. You advised me to use Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and 'Pavorite Preacription.' I need five bot.

Bayorite Prescription." I
used five botlies of each.
I gained in
health and strength. When I commenced
to use the medicines I weighed only 112
pounds, now I weigh 140. My husband
and friends all thought that I would die,
but to-day I am a well woman."
Mrs. Barham's experience is not singular. Thousands have given similarly
strong and convincing testimony. There
are no other medicines in the world that
have such a long and continuous record
of cures.

RUM HELD THE FORT.

Drunken Soldler Keeps a Garrison at Bay,
Nicholas Davis, a member of Troop B.

Third United States cavalry, created considerable excitement at Fort Myer and for several bours held the entire garri son at bay. Davis is said to have been drinking to excess the fore part of the week, and the effect of the liquor was to ead him to the belief that the fort was being stormed by an enemy and it was his duty to defend it. Every man who

Who are injured by the use of coffee. Recently there has been piaced in all the processy stores a new preparation called GRAIN-O, made of pure grains that takes the place of coffee. The most delicate stomach receives it without distress, and but few can tell it fram coffee. It does not cost over ', as much. Children may drink it with great bends. Ice and See per package. Try it. Askefor GRAIN-O. Nell-And so she did-s man of agri-

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TRICKS OF INDIANS.

HOW DUSKY QUEENS WORK THE CAMERA FIENDS.

lars and Dimes Out of Tourists. Scenes on an Overland Journey. Evolution of Old Time Savagery.

[Special Correspondence.]
FLAGSTAFF, A. T., Jan. 2.—Nothing interests the traveler on the railroad journey through New Mexico and Arisona more than the indians who lounge about the stations. The sight of a puffing locomotive, a train of cars and a crowd of eager tourists seems to fascinate these strange and lazy chil-dren of the plains. Dressed like Jo-seph in his cont of many colors, they appear picturesque and interesting.
The first Indian we saw looked very
ancient. He was of medium height,
and his long gray hair hung over his

and his long gray hair lung over his shoulders. A pipeful of tobacco ap-peared to be the height of his ambi-tion. This old man seemed uncon-scious of the presence of any one else in the world but himself. Soon a crowd of at least 50 persons were before him and surveying with curious eye the contented Indian. One venturesome youth poked him with an umbrella, but the siy old fox never moved, and a brakeman afterward and the same performance took place

of cures.

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moved, and a brakeman afterward moved, and the same performance took place every day in the year. The old fellow seemed to enjoy admiration.

Most people bring cameras with them, and the desire to secure pictures of the Indians helps the red race. I magine a stop of, say, three minutes at some unimportant station or watering tank. As soon as the train comes to a standardl a fock of tourists alight upon the platform. But a dusky queen, with several princes and princesses, is on the alert, and at the sight of a line some unimportant station or watering tank. As soon as the train comes to a standatili a flock of tourists alight upon the platform. But a dusky queen, with several princes and princesses, is on the siert, and at the sight of a line of cameras she springs up like a young lioness. The mother files into a recent lioness. The mother files into a rage and presses her babe close to her breast. Other children in the same

family gather around, and all look de-fant. This is the first act.

The chances are that the mother will scream, and then a self appointed spokesman among the camera fiends will beg for a chance to take her picture. At first the mother will not think of it, but after much coaxing she names \$2 as a price. This is a staggering blow. Then some individual offers a quarter, but the mother looks insulted although, unknown to the camera flends, she is all the while eving the conductor. When the train is about to start, she sucrenders. It is then of ten too late, as the flends may have been disgusted, so the frantic woman



UP TO DATE PAPOOSE. in her disappointment and desperation will often accept 5 cents for the privi-lege of having her likeness preserved. So it goes on daily, and the size of her demands and her course of action are determined by the appearance of the crowd. A little way off is her hus-

band, taking a nap apparently, but he is quite wide awake and is only wait-ing for the cash which his family has secured.

secured.

One young man chased a young Indian woman up the side of a high hill, and whan they got to the summit she suddenly stopped, and, picking up a big stone, buried it at her pursuer. He turned and fied, and she followed. When they neared the station, she caught hold of him and tried to rob his pocket. If friends had not interfered. locket. If friends had not interfer the young man would have fared

The old men in this part of the country have no use for the crafty race. John Duke, one of the wealthiest minug men in Arizona, is a pionser. Ho said to the writer recently: "I remem-ber in the sixtles a young lieutenant and ten regulars were sent out into the luterior to accomplish a certain purpose. A few days later the scaiped heads of the party were discovered. Later 1 started out with the same number of men, only we were ordi-nary citizens and knew enough of the country not to fall into such a trap as did the young officer. "We started out on horseback and

pretty soon saw in the distance an indian. I ordered our borses shot, and we formed them into a barricade and with our hands dug up the sand. We were just in time for suddenly a band of 200 Indians on horseback began to circle our little party at a distance of 1,000 pards. As they drew near we fired, and a number fell. We used repeating rifes, which they had never seen and as we kent on shoulder and seen, and as we kept on shooting and killing they got frightened and ran. WILLIAM R. BRITTON.

Knew What the Letters Meant. Tommy—Mamma had a lot of things sent home C. O. D. today. What does C. O. D. mean?
Tommy's Father—C. O. D. means
"Call on dad."—Philadelphia Record.

"Did you see the go between the Har-em Hefter and that English pugillat?"
"Yes."

"How were the honors?"
"Ob, the Englishman got the Hon's share! However, he 'fought with greaf gallantry,' "-Philadelphia Press. "Swithers, are you any relation to that railroad man named Swithers?"

"No; but I made \$3,000 out of him."
"How?"
"Why, I sued him for the time I've wasted telling people Pm no kin

WHOLESALE PRICES.

Grain.

Wheat, per bu. 70c, Rye, per bu., 57c. Oats, per bu., 29c. Corn, shelled, per bu., 36c. Ear corn, per bu., 15 to 18c. Corn, cracked. \$15.00 per ton. Seeds. Clover (largo), per bu, \$3.50 to \$4.25 Clover (small), per bu, \$3.50 to \$4.25 Clover, orimson, per bu, \$3.00 Clover, white, per bu, \$7. Clover, alsike, \$5 Timothy, per bu, \$1.00 to \$1:25

Mill Feed-Chop.

Corn, oats and barley, per cwt., 85c Corn and oats, per cwt., 80c. Middelings, per cwt., No. 1, 95c. Bran, per cwt., 75c

Flour. Spring wheat, per sack, \$1.25 City brands, per sack, \$1.00 to \$1.10 Rye flour, per sack, \$1.00 Graham flour, per sack, 10-1b, 30c Hay.

Timothy, No. 1 baled per ton, \$13.00 Timothy, No. 1 bulk per ton, \$11. Clover and timothy, No. 1 baled ter ton, 9½ to \$10. Clover and timothy, No. 1 bulk per

on, \$10,50 to \$11 Clover, No. 1 baled per ton, \$9.00 Clover, No. 1 bulk per ton, \$9

Straw. Wheat, baled per ton, \$5. Wheat, bulk per ton, \$6. Oats, baled per ton, \$4.50 Oats, bulk per ton, \$4.50 Rye, per ton, \$6. Rye, bundle, \$11 per ton

Meats.

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Beef, live per lb, 8 to 5½c
Beef, dressed per lb, 6 to 8½c
Pork, live per lb 5½ to 4c
Pork, dressed per lb 5½ to 5½ to
Mutton, live per lb 5½ to 5½c
Mutton, dressed per lb 5½c
Lamb, live per lb 4½ to 5c
Veal, live per lb 4½ to 5c
Veal, live per lb 4½ to 10½c
Ham, cured per lb 5½ to 10½c
Shoulder, cured per lb 7c
Bacon, cured per lb 7c
Beef, dried per lb 10 to 15c
Hides.

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Cured, beef No 1, per lb 10½c

Cured, beef No 2, per lb 9½c

Green, beef No 1, per lb 8½c

Green, beef No 2, per lb 7½c

Cured, calf No 1, per lb 10c

Cured, calf No 2, per lb 10c

Green, calf No 1, per lb 10c

Green, calf No 1, per lb 10½c

Green, calf No 2, per lb 0½c

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Farm Produce.

Farm Produce. Farm Produce.

Butter, Eigin creamery, per B., 276
Butter, country, per Ib. 18 to 20c
Butter, cooking, per Ib. 12c
Lard, country, per Ib. 6 and 6½ c
Lard, city, per Ib. 8½c
Eggs, strictly fresh, per doz 24c
Chickens, live, per Ib 7 to 8c
Chickens, dressed, per Ib 9 to 10c
Turkoys, dressed 12c
Ducks, dressed 10c
Potatoes, per bu 35 to 40c
Navy beans, per bu, \$2.16
Marrowfat beans, per bu, \$2.50
Maple syrup, per gal, 65 to 70c
Onions, per bu, 40c

RETAIL PRICES.

Butter, Elgin creamery, per lb, 80c
Butter, country, per lb, 25c
Butter, country, per lb, 15c
Butter, cooking, per lb, 15c
Butterlne, per lb, 16 to 20c
Oleomargerine, per lb, 20c
Lard, country, per lb, 10c
Lard, country, per lb, 10c
Lard, compound, per lb, 8c
Eggs, strictly fresh per doz, 28c
Chickens, live per lb, 10 to 11c
Chickens, dressed per lb, 13c
Turkeys, dressed 15c
Ducks, dressed 15c
Ducks, dressed 15c
Oucks, dressed 15c
Cont, ear, per bu, 30c
Cont, ear, per bu, 30c
Corn, ear, per bu, 25c
Corn, shelled, per bu, 40c
Corn, cracked, per lb, 16c
Hay, bailed, per cut, 35c
Onions, per bushel \$1.
Celery, per bushel \$1.
Celery, per bushel \$1. RETAIL PRICES.

Cheese. York State, per lb, 18c, Swiss, per lb, 18c. Full cream, per lb, 18c

Miscellaneous.

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